

Thomas Cole – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Thomas Cole was the son of Daniel Cole and his wife Ruth Collier Cole. He was one of twelve children and one of the youngest of six brothers. He does not appear in Eastham vital records other than Thomas Cole and Lydia having several children starting in 1701. Thomas probably was born in the 1670's.

1700

Granted to Thomas Cole the liberty to fence the edge of the upland next to his swamp. PDF P100.

1711

Granted to Thomas Cole, John Brown, Abia Harding, Joshua Harding, Joshua Hopkins and Theophilus Mayo a lot on the southwesterly side of Great Island at Billingsgate. Acreage or dimensions were not given but most of these lots were about six or seven acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T87.

Granted to Thomas Cole and his heirs about four acres next to his swamp and fence at a place called Skiff Hill. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T114.

Granted to Thomas Cole and his heirs about four acres on the southwesterly side of Caleb Cooke's land. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T114.

Granted to Thomas Cole and his heirs about six acres. One parcel of about two acres was near the muddy pond and between the lots of Daniel Smith Jr. and Benjamin Cooke. The other four acres were not described in the record. PDF T114.

Land purchased by Thomas Cole from Samuel Knowles Jr. was found to be not laid out correctly. As a result Thomas Cole was awarded about three acres near the muddy pond next to land Cole purchased from Nathaniel Doane and next to land of John Crowell. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T182.

1715

Granted to Thomas Cole and his heirs a wood lot on the northerly side of the wood lot of John Mulford. These wood lots were on the east side of the way to Billingsgate. The Thomas Cole wood lot ran north sixteen pole and ran due east to the Backside Sea. Most of these wood lots which ran east to the Backside Sea were about one mile long which would make this wood lot about thirty-two acres. The next lot to the north of Thomas Cole was was an equal sized lot granted to Daniel Cole and his heirs. Bounds of these wood lots were indicated by stakes and marked trees. PDF T267.

The land owned by Thomas Cole ande his heirs described in these records amounts to about fifty acres. By 1745 twenty-five more Coles received Eastham land grants.